



# North Brentwood Newswire

*"A Heritage to Remember, a Future to Mold"*

**December 2015**

## WHAT'S GOING ON!



### The Mayor's Message

Please stop by and welcome our new town clerk, Carl Jones. There are events that are scheduled for our citizens to participate in during the holiday season. Here I am highlighting a few events you might find of interest:

- ◆ The Annual Christmas Yard Decorating Contest sponsored by the Citizen's Association, Friday, December 18, 2015. Lights must be on by 5pm
- ◆ The Pre-Holiday Ball at the North Brentwood Community Center on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 10pm to 2am. Cost: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

More information on these and other scheduled events is listed inside this newsletter. All Residents are encourage to get out and enjoy this wonderful holiday season

A reminder to all citizens, there are no scheduled town council meetings held in December. The next meeting will be January 4, 2016.

The Mayor and Council wish you and your family a safe and joyous holiday and a prosperous New Year.

### A Note of Sadness

The staff and members of North Brentwood government extend sympathy to employee Greg Butler and family due to the loss of his mother, former resident, Bernice Butler.

### Prince George's County Residents use New Voting System April 2016

Maryland State Board of Elections unanimously selected and certified a new voting system. Residents of Prince George's County will begin to use this new system beginning April 2016.

The new voting system consists of four components. The first component (Precinct Scanner and Tabulator) can scan and tabulate ballots marked either by hand or by ballot marking device. The second component (ExpressVote Ballot Marking Device) produces a voter verifiable paper record, in essence, a "paper trail" of each voter's selections. The third (ExpressPass Printer) prints card that activates the ballot marking device. The fourth component is a high speed Central county scanner that tabulates absentee and provisional ballots.

Efforts are currently underway to educate all county citizens on how to use this new system. The next edition of the North Brentwood *Newswire* will include an insert with additional information on how to vote using this new system.



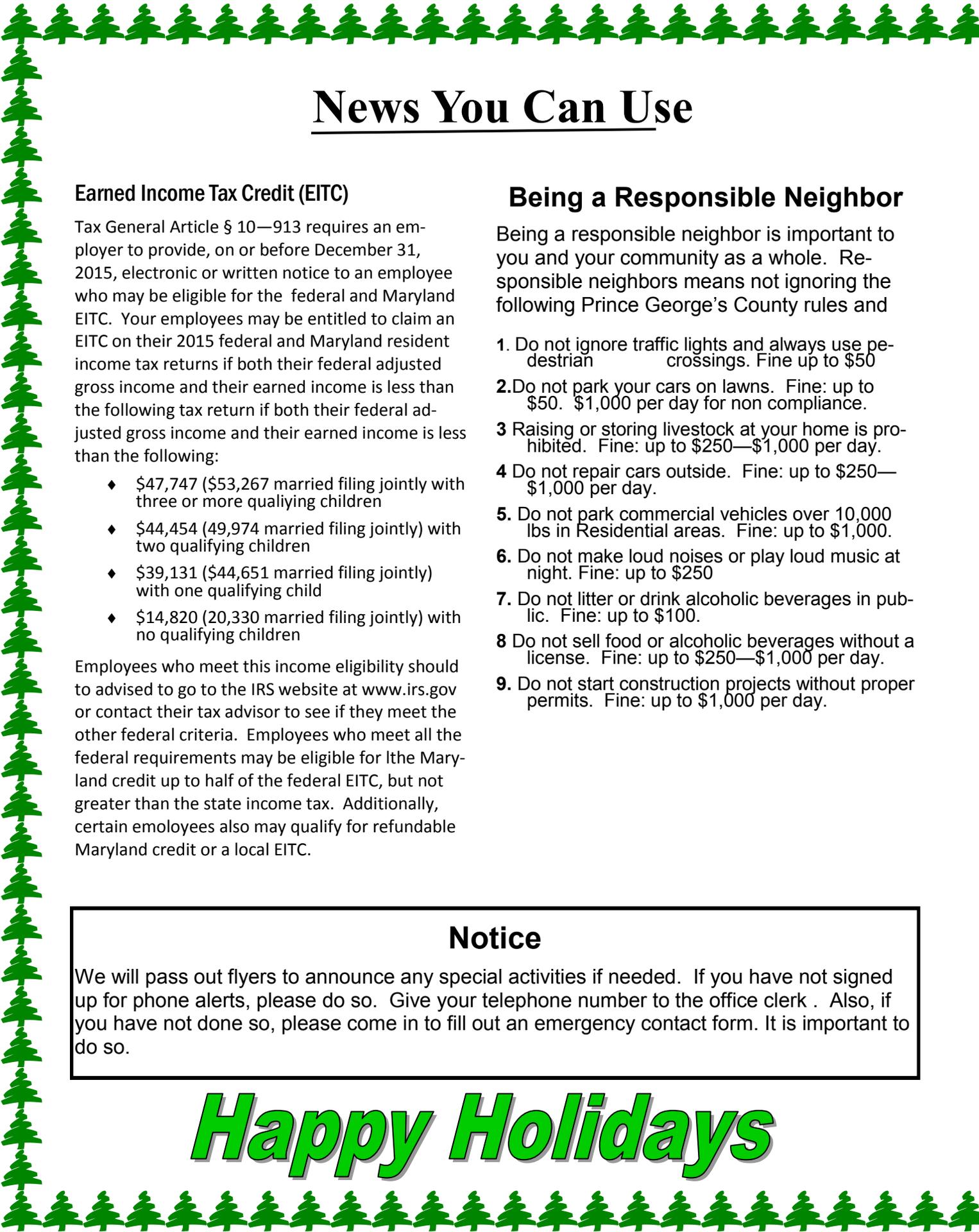
### The Little Free TreeHouse Library

The little Free TreeHouse Library is at 4505 39th Place. The goal of the Little Free Library project is to build a literacy-friendly neighborhood. You borrow a book and in exchange put in a

book that you've already read that you would like to share with the neighborhood. The more books, the better. There are books for all ages, but nothing inappropriate. You can return the book when you've finished reading it or pass it on to a friend that you think would like it. Share your favorite books with the North Brentwood community and maybe find a new favorite in our Library! Our goal is to keep the library stocked with old, new and classic books.

**Town of North Brentwood**  
P.O. Box 196  
4009 Wallace Road  
North Brentwood, Maryland 20722

**Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am-1pm**  
**Office 301.699.9699 Fax 301.699.1824**  
**Community Channels: Comcast 71, Verizon 1983**



## News You Can Use

### Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

Tax General Article § 10—913 requires an employer to provide, on or before December 31, 2015, electronic or written notice to an employee who may be eligible for the federal and Maryland EITC. Your employees may be entitled to claim an EITC on their 2015 federal and Maryland resident income tax returns if both their federal adjusted gross income and their earned income is less than the following tax return if both their federal adjusted gross income and their earned income is less than the following:

- ◆ \$47,747 (\$53,267 married filing jointly with three or more qualifying children)
- ◆ \$44,454 (49,974 married filing jointly) with two qualifying children
- ◆ \$39,131 (\$44,651 married filing jointly) with one qualifying child
- ◆ \$14,820 (20,330 married filing jointly) with no qualifying children

Employees who meet this income eligibility should be advised to go to the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or contact their tax advisor to see if they meet the other federal criteria. Employees who meet all the federal requirements may be eligible for the Maryland credit up to half of the federal EITC, but not greater than the state income tax. Additionally, certain employees also may qualify for refundable Maryland credit or a local EITC.

### Being a Responsible Neighbor

Being a responsible neighbor is important to you and your community as a whole. Responsible neighbors means not ignoring the following Prince George's County rules and

1. Do not ignore traffic lights and always use pedestrian crossings. Fine up to \$50
2. Do not park your cars on lawns. Fine: up to \$50. \$1,000 per day for non compliance.
- 3 Raising or storing livestock at your home is prohibited. Fine: up to \$250—\$1,000 per day.
- 4 Do not repair cars outside. Fine: up to \$250—\$1,000 per day.
5. Do not park commercial vehicles over 10,000 lbs in Residential areas. Fine: up to \$1,000.
6. Do not make loud noises or play loud music at night. Fine: up to \$250
7. Do not litter or drink alcoholic beverages in public. Fine: up to \$100.
- 8 Do not sell food or alcoholic beverages without a license. Fine: up to \$250—\$1,000 per day.
9. Do not start construction projects without proper permits. Fine: up to \$1,000 per day.

### Notice

We will pass out flyers to announce any special activities if needed. If you have not signed up for phone alerts, please do so. Give your telephone number to the office clerk. Also, if you have not done so, please come in to fill out an emergency contact form. It is important to do so.

# *Happy Holidays*

# Holiday Events and Announcements

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### Pre- Holiday Ball Dec. 19th 10pm-2am

North Brentwood Citizens Association is sponsoring a Pre-Holiday Ball on Saturday, December 19th, 10pm- 2am at the North Brentwood Community Center. Come out and party like its 1999. Adults only! Tickets are \$20 per person in advance and \$25 at the door. Dress to Impress and don't let someone else tell you how much fun it was and you missed it. For tickets call one of the following numbers: Tiffany Jones 240.472.4336, Shaleta Richardson 301.663.4410, or Council Members Martha Cuffie, Markel Day

### The 11th Annual Christmas Yard Decorating Contest, Friday, Dec.18th. 1st prize \$50, 2nd \$35.00, 3rd \$25.00

Judging Criteria includes appearance, workmanship and originality. **Please have your outdoor lights turned on by 5pm on December 18th.**

### Holiday Hayrides at Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Dr.

#### Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

Come out and enjoy the pleasure of a Hayride through the Festival of Lights and a visit to Watkins Nature Center. Warm up by the fire and enjoy refreshments. See the live animals and visit the gift shop.

**Meeting Location:** Watkins Park Central Area Office Parking Lot. Hayrides will begin & end at Parking Lot. The hayrides are scheduled on the following weekend dates: December 4th, 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 18th, 19th 20th, 26th, and 27th @7:00pm. **Fee of \$5.**

Due to limited space on the hay wagon, reservations are required. Groups of 10 or more people require a non-refundable deposit. For reservations call 301.218.6770.

*"Do Not Regret Growing Older,  
It's a Privilege Denied to Many"*

### Gwendolyn Britt Senior Activity Center Events 4009 Wallace Road, Brentwood, MD

The following are **GBSAC** events happening at the Senior Center. For some there is a cost. For others you must pre-register. There are other activities on their calendar. Call the Senior Center for more info @ 301.699.1238.

### Winter Holiday Party Friday, December 11th from 12 noon-2pm

It's time to put on your festive holiday attire and join us for lots of fun, a delicious catered holiday dinner and live entertainment. \$15/N, \$18/NR

### Redskins vs. Dallas Sunday, Jan 3rd 1pm-5pm Sign at the Gwendolyn Britt Center by Dec. 21st. \$15R/\$18NR

Help us cheer our team to victory!! Enjoy tailgate party with food, games and fun! Wear your team colors.

### Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration Friday, January 8th 1pm-3pm

Be entertained by local choir singing melodies of music relative to era of Dr. King. Watch movie of his life followed by discussion of the Civil Rights Movement.

### Red & Gold Gala Free Tuesday, December 15th 11am-2pm

The Red and Gold Gala sponsored by the Aging Service Division of PG County's Department of Family Service. Please see the nutrition site manger for details and how to register.

### Church Service Announcements

First Baptist Church, 4000 Wallace Road  
Pastor Duane T. Kay, 301.277.4742  
Sunday Service 9am, Saturday school 9am

AME Zion Church, 4037 Webster Street  
Rev. Brandon Pennix, SR., 301.927.7698  
Sunday School 9am, Sunday Service 10am

St James Pentecostal Church, 3925 Allison Street  
Rev. Carolyn Dildy, 301.277.4376  
Sunday Service 11:30am



# Town of North Brentwood

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## Town Directory

**Town Office Number**  
301.699.9699

**Mayor Petrella Robinson Ext. 225**

**Council Members Ext. 222**  
Aaron Baynes  
Martha Cufie  
Markel Day

**Town Clerk Ext. 221**  
Carl Jones

**Treasurer Ext 224**  
Shelley Gaylord

**Code Enforcement**  
Vacant

**Maintenance**  
Greg Butler

**Prince George's County Police**  
Non-Emergency  
301.333.4000  
Emergency 911

**Park Police**  
Non-Emergency  
301.459.9088  
Emergency 301.459.3232

## REMINDERS:

**No Mayor and Council** meetings will be held during the month of December. Meetings will resume January 4th and 18th, 2016 at North Brentwood Municipal Center @ 7:30pm.

**Produce For Seniors is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15 @ 10:30am**  
Time is subject to Change

**North Brentwood Citizens Association Conference Call-in meeting**, Monday, December 14, 6:30pm. Dial in #(712)432-1212. When prompted enter Meeting ID # 873-612-226 and PIN 9851

**North Brentwood Historical Society** will give a Christmas party December 9th @ 12 noon 3:00pm Please bring a dish.

**SHARE** — Turn in Order on or Before December 7th and pickup on December 19th. Call Deborah Curry – 301.464.9810

**Trash Pick Up** — Tuesday and Friday

**Yard Waste Pick UP** — Wednesday

**Bulk Trash Pick Up** — Tuesday — No More than 4 Items

**Recycle Waste** — Friday only — **NO PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY KIND TO AVOID FINES.**

We're on the Web

[www.NorthBrentwood.com](http://www.NorthBrentwood.com)



Resident

TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD